

## Colorado River Waiting List Update!

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### The Attached Continuing Interest Form is

**Due Before  
1/31/2003**

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## Continuing Interest Newsletter, Fall 2002

Greetings! Once again it is time to renew your place on the Waiting List for Colorado River permits. **Please complete the attached form and return it to the River Office before January 31, 2003.** These forms are being accepted early; we suggest returning yours today.

In June the Park Service reinitiated the process to update the Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP). Since then public meetings were held in Denver, Salt Lake City, Flagstaff, Las Vegas, and Mesa. If you missed these meetings, we encourage you to keep reading so you can find out about some additional ways to participate. This effort can have a major impact on the noncommercial permit system, the waitlist, and on many other river related issues. For this reason we are dedicating this newsletter to helping you understand how you can be involved.

We are grateful to all of you who are choosing to get involved; we can use all the help we can get in identifying both the issues that need to be addressed and potential solutions. Thanks also for the continued positive comments and words of support to our employees at the River Office. Your kind phone calls, letters, and emails have been greatly appreciated. Thanks again, and happy holidays!

*Steve Sullivan*  
**Permits Program Manager**

## Information about CRMP Planning

Current information about the CRMP Revision Process is available on the internet at [www.nps.gov/grca/crmp](http://www.nps.gov/grca/crmp). Through this CRMP planning page one can learn about the latest developments, sign up to be involved, see posters and pictures from the recent public meetings, contribute comments and ideas, and read relevant press releases, newsletters, and public comments. Everyone is both welcome and invited to access this site and participate. The deadline for public comments has been extended to November 1, 2002.

## Public Meetings

The National Park Service will host two additional public meetings: one in Baltimore on 9/30/2002 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the other in Oakland on 10/2/2002 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (please see the above website for locations). These meetings will follow the same format as the other five public meetings which were held in August (see above web page for pictures and previews of posters and handouts). You are invited to attend.

In these meetings we are asking "What are the conditions and qualities that make a Colorado River trip special to you?" and "What do you want your experience to be like in 20 years?" We have received thousands of responses to these questions, and our open house format led to some interesting dialogue among people with very diverse views and interests. We saw some amazing interactions going on, and people generally had a very positive experience as they learned about all the complex challenges we face.

## Colorado River Management Plan Permit System Questions

Within the public meetings there are around 15 display stations, each staffed with Park Service representatives. One of these stations display areas is dedicated to the Permit System. At this station we are asking people to answer the following questions.

1. What do you like about the current waitlist and permit system? Why?
2. What changes to the current system would you like considered? Why?
3. Do you have suggestions for a different system that could work here, what are they, and why?
4. If a new system is implemented, what should happen to the people on the current list?
5. Aside from changing the allocation, should something else be done to limit the overall length of the waitlist, and if yes, what?
6. To what extent is repeat river use at Grand Canyon appropriate?
7. How far before launch should start dates be reserved?
8. What other permit system issues would you like to see addressed?

We encourage you to consider these questions and submit your answers and ideas by email to [grca\\_crmp@nps.gov](mailto:grca_crmp@nps.gov) or by mail to:

**CRMP Comments**  
**Grand Canyon National Park**  
**PO Box 129**  
**Grand Canyon, AZ 86023**

## Continuing Interest Form

**For the Grand Canyon National Park  
Noncommercial River Trip Waiting List**

**\*\*\* Due Before January 31, 2003 \*\*\***

By completing this form and returning it to the River Permits Office by the above deadline, I am certifying that I am currently on the Waiting List and that I would like to remain on it.

**2002 Waiting List Number:**

**Full Legal Name (Initials are not acceptable):**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Home Mailing Address**

(Please do not list a business address)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security #:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Only first 7 digits are required. If you cannot provide all of this information, please state the reason why:

**Home Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

No fees are being charged this year to retain your name on the Waiting List. You may send this form to the River Office by FAX or via certified mail with a return receipt to obtain proof of timely submittal. Please do not send self-addressed, stamped envelopes. You will receive a letter by the end of April with your 2003 Waiting list number. **Thanks!**

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